

**Maury Island Open Space Site
Planning Advisory Group Meeting Notes
October 24, 2012**

Meeting focused on developing recommendations for recreation access, use and development. Discussion built upon the discussion at the October 10th meeting. Recommendations were noted on large maps of site that included notes from previous meeting.

KC STAFF: WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES DO PEOPLE WANT TO SEE AT THIS SITE?

- Multi-purpose (hiking, equestrian, biking).
- No motorized activities.

COMMITTEE QUESTION: WHAT DOES KING COUNTY PARKS WANT?

-KC Staff: Much the same use as this group; need to identify use points and potential water access

INITIAL COMMENTS FROM LOOKING AT THE SITE MAPS:

- Sunken barges are a destination dive site; there was a charter (dive boat) there (on 10/23/12).
- The County should find a different icon to use for the kayak pull-out (rather than the boat-ramp one which is on the map now).
- The trail shown on the SE section of the map needs to be modified (it was done so on the map).

OTHER MORE SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

- Be mindful of the historic use of the site (how people have been using the area for recreation for decades).
- The waterfront trail shown on the map is actually a completed trail (does not have a missing segment).
- Take advantage of the Madrone Forest view points.
- Need more information on a potential loop trail in the SE section.
- It would be great to have large sections of the forest without any trails.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC TOPICS:

PARKING:

- Keep car use to a minimum, but try to get people to the center point of the land.
- Could the main plateau area be used for RC Aircraft?
- There should be some on-site parking.
- What about after hours use?
-KC Staff: A parking area would have a gate which would be closed by the Sheriff (example: Island Center Forest gates).
- The parking area should be by the 'big-rock'; this site is less intrusive.
- Could the big plateau area be restored? Ploughed up?
- It would take lots of money and water to be able to plant that area.
- If you plough it up, you will stimulate more weed growth.
- The big plateau area is a nice big quiet site; there are lots of birds, frogs and snakes (rubber boas).
-KC Staff: What about the Cell Tower area (for parking)?
- A small area could work; perhaps this could be increased with time.

- This could serve both areas (the main property and the area across the street).
- The islands have limited access to beach and water areas, this is the argument for a parking area on the plateau.
-KC Staff: The access road down to the water will stay. This is needed for maintenance, emergency vehicles, fire suppression. It could be used for special purposes (such as access to the water for scuba divers at MIMP).
- The big rock area works best, it could also have a picnic shelter.
- There is a view from that section.
- The 'big rock' is actually a glacial erratic, an interesting point in itself.
- This is also a trail hub.
- There could be room for some horse trailers.

PILINGS:

- If the pilings are taken out, could some mooring buoys be put in? (For fishing and scuba boats).
- The area there is very deep, 30'-40'.
- Like to leave the concrete pilings for marine habitat.

RIDGE LINE TO THE EAST (WHERE THE TRAIL GOES TO THE EDGE OF THE RIDGE):

- Should there be a fence there?
- Or a look out (like at MIMP)?
- There should be some signage with interpretive information (both nature and historical).

CONVEYER BELT STRUCTURE:

- Save one tower.
- The towers are a great visual, but concerned about glorifying mining.
- It is a symbol of victory.
- At Gasworks Park these structures are behind a fence.
- You could put a fence around the base (of the tower).
- At some point they will rust out and will have to be taken down.
- If feasible, keep it as a symbol of the past. Gravel pits were a part of island history.
- Could salvaged pieces be used as a sculpture? Perhaps placed at the plateau?
- People on boats don't see what is on the site, a tower would be like a beacon.

KAYAK PULL-OUT POINT:

- Put a self-contained (composting) toilet there. (Or somewhere close to the shoreline).

SITE ACCESS FROM THE SW:

- It is a good location for a bike ride starting-point.
- Put in an ID sign.
- Put in a pull-out parking area for two cars.
- Could have some resistance from the neighbors.

HORSE-USE:

- Current use (for horse-riders) starts down by Dockton Park.
- Is there a location for horse trailer parking?
- Can horses avoid mountain bikes in Dockton Forest—is this a problem?

- Could bikes use the north-side of Dockton Forest?
- Both sides of Dockton Forest are popular with mountain bikers.

OLD FOUNDATIONS (FARMSTEADS ON THE NE SIDE—NEAR THE CELL TOWER):

- Put in historic signage.
- There are remnants of the old orchards at this site.
- It was the old Pembroke (SP?) Farm.
- Put in a picnic area; for people who do not want to hike in very far.
- Check on the old trees; could they be preserved?
- Develop this area as a meadow, don't plant with trees.
- Put in more fruit trees.

COMMENTS ABOUT CAMPING:

- This was in the original MIMP Plan.
- What kind of infrastructure would be needed?
- Water Trails (type of) camping would work; minimal demands.
- Camping should at least be considered.

COMMENTS ABOUT SITE NAMING:

- Should there be a distinct name?
- It could be combined with MIMP.
- Use 'pocket-names' for smaller areas, such as Pembroke Farm, Madrone Forest.
- What about 'Raven's Landing'?
- There are more ravens showing up on Maury Island.
- One name for the system (MIMP, MI Site, Dockton Forest) with smaller area names.
- Change the various names for Dockton Forest (Leased, Natural Area) to one name.
- Keep the 'Dockton Park' name.
- Does 'Marine' need to stay?
- 'Marine' needs to stay (in the MIMP name) as the main feature (of MIMP and the MI Site) is the large tracts of shoreline.
- Need to brainstorm 'pocket-names'.

FINAL COMMENT FROM THE GROUP:

- Bring a LARGE map that shows Dockton/Dockton Forest/MI Site/MIMP.

NEXT MEETING: ON NOVEMBER 14TH.